

**Village of Rossville
Finance & Purchasing Committee Meeting
April 21, 2025**

Trustee Gammon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville.

Committee members physically present-Trustees Gammon and Jones. Trustee Black arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Committee members electronically – None

Committee members absent - None

Guests present were Mayor Queen, Clerk White, Trustee Daniel, Trustee Wallace, Superintendent Lusk, Jim Crose, Crose Insurance and Kenneth Gammon.

Minutes of the March 17, 2025 committee meeting were presented. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. Vote: Jones, yes; Gammon, yes.

Current bills were reviewed. Clerk White requested the check for USDA Rural Development be voided and reissued in May. The payment is a fiscal year 2026 payment. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to approve the bills as presented for payment with the exception of the USDA Rural Development check, which is to be voided and resubmitted at the May meeting. Vote: Gammon, yes; Jones, yes.

Treasurer Ault's report for March was reviewed. Trustee Gammon reported that Clerk White called Iroquois Federal about raising the rate for the Gas Money Market account. The Village is currently receiving 0.60% interest. Per Dean Grimes at Iroquois Federal, the rate has been increased to 1.40% interest.

Clerk White stated the Panhandle CD, estimated value of approximately \$423,000, at Longview Bank will mature on April 30, 2025. Clerk White obtained interest rates from Longview Bank for 3 months at 4.5%, 6 months at 4.5%, 9 months at 4.25% and 1 year at 4% and Iroquois Federal for 3 months at 4.325%, 6 months at 4.15% and 9 months at 4% interest. Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Gammon to approve the March Treasurer's report. Vote: Black, yes; Jones, yes; Gammon, yes.

Purchase Mowers/Trailer and Selling Current Trailer –Superintendent Lusk explained the Village currently has a 12' trailer, which was estimated to cost approximately \$1,500 new. Superintendent Lusk believes the trailer could be sold for approximately what it cost originally. The maintenance department would like to purchase a 16' trailer that would be able to haul 2 lawn mowers. The cost of the new trailer would be approximately \$4,373-\$1,500 (the estimated sale price of the old trailer)=\$2873. An estimate from Double Y Sales to purchase a new TORO 60" cut zero turn mower is \$15,248.24 and was provided to board members. Superintendent Lusk would also like to purchase a new John Deere tractor mower. Superintendent Lusk received 2 written estimates and 1 by text message for a new tractor mower. The written estimates are as follows:

- 1) Hoopeston John Deere tractor w/o loader \$28,043
- 2) Hoopeston John Deere tractor with loader \$35,066
- 3) Text message estimate would beat both of the above bids.

Superintendent Lusk requested authorization to purchase a new tractor mower not to exceed the higher of the written estimates. The funds to purchase the equipment would be reimbursed to the universal account by the newly established equipment sinking funds. The matter will be discussed further in the regular board meeting later this evening.

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Storm Sewer Installation-Possible Cost Share Plan-York Street – Superintendent Lusk reported for 3 years (in the spring and rainy season), water has been pouring out of the side of the hill, at 102 York (recently purchased by Allen & Trisha Willard) and the ditch is full of water. Mr. Willard (Superintendent Lusk's son-in-law) hired a tile guy to look at the problem to determine what could be done to resolve the problem and met with Superintendent Lusk. Superintendent Lusk explained there is a Village storm sewer tile on Jim Smith's property (509 N. Chicago) and the Willard property (102 York) running along Route 1. Superintendent Lusk proposed running a Village storm sewer up the ditch, allow the Willards to tie on, build an outlet, allow Mr. Willard to fix the problem. The Village would reimburse Mr. Willard for the Village portion of the expense. Once the Village reimburses Mr. Willard for the portion of the storm sewer on the Village side, the storm sewer tile will become Village property. Mr. Willard will own his portion, which was tied into the storm sewer tile. Mr. Willard will build the storm sewer according to Village requirements. Trustee Black requested an estimate of costs for the Village portion. Superintendent Lusk stated once permission is granted for Mr. Willard to have the project repaired, the specs will be drawn and an estimate of costs will be prepared.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Jones, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Clerk

Committee approved 5-19-25